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RE: Reconnaissance Level Characterization Report (RLCR) for Group D Buildings -
Concurrence

Dear Mr. Legare:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division has reviewed the RLCR for Group D Buildings, Revision 0 dated July 16, 2001, which was received on August 16, 2001. Based on the information contained in this RLCR, we are hereby concurring with the Type 1 designation for the Group D Buildings. The Group D Buildings are identified as Buildings 280, 281, S281, 282, 284, 442W, T551A, T900D, T886B, and T886C.

Although these buildings are currently identified as Type 1 Facilities, some of these facilities are still being utilized, such as T886B and T886C. As such, even with "Administrative Controls" (signs) contamination may inadvertently be carried or brought into these facilities. Therefore, additional assessments including investigations should be performed upon termination of active utilization. The consultative process should be utilized to acquire and provide this information prior to final disposition of these facilities.

It is indicated in this report that Beryllium samples may have been collected on ceilings, rather than on horizontal surfaces. In Table H-3, it is stated, "future random samples should be limited to horizontal surfaces facing upward." We agree with this concern for random samples. However, we also believe that collecting samples on the ceiling may be appropriate if these samples are collected from dusty areas such as next to ventilation ducts. Therefore, as stated in the RLCR and PDS Plans, samples should be collected in areas with the highest potential for finding possible contamination, where dust may have

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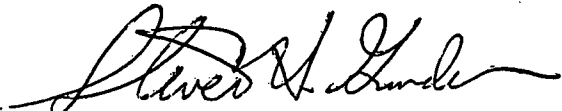
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collected. As such, biased samples are to be collected for beryllium rather than random samples.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact me at (303) 692-3367 or David Kruchek at (303) 692-3328.

Sincerely,



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